



**PATENT**  
Docket No.: 20518/54 (S-8492-1)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Barrus et al. Group: 3763  
Application No.: 10/659,131 Confirmation No.: 3557  
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For: **SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0369.